The Rock-A-Chaw

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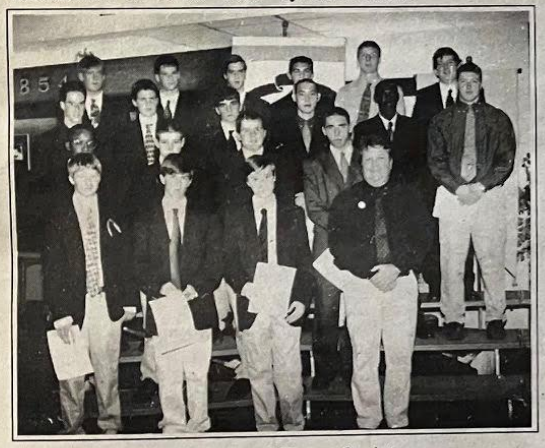
Students honored at convocation

On Sunday, September 16, students gathered in the Resource Center to be recognized for their achievements from the previous year. Several organizations presented awards along with the presentation of honor roll awards. Organizations that presented awards were Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, Student Ministry Team, National Junior Honor Society, and the National Honor Society.

Along with the presentation of awards, officers of these organizations were also introduced. Two induction speeches by Lee Klein, President of the National Junior Honor Society, and Kunal Patel, President of the National Honor Society brought about the introduction of more than fifty-two new members. Along with that, thirty-eight members continued their membership with one these Honor Societies.

Following the induction of the NJHS and NHS was the presentation of the honor roll awards. Three categories of awards were presented, Alpha Honor Roll for Spring, 2001, Alpha Honor Roll for the academic year, and Presidents Honor Roll for the academic year. Last year, there were forty-two students who received Alpha Honor Roll for spring, 2001, fourteen who received Alpha Honor Roll for the academic school year, and twelve who received President's Honor Roll for the academic year.

The convocation ended this year with a closing remark by President Brother Ronald Talbot and a closing prayer by Brian Butler.



New members of the National Honor Society were inducted at ceremonies on Sunday, September 16, 2001. Pictured from left to right, front row: T.J. Koger, Josh Lingsch, Andrew Waterman, and advisor Mr. Louis Burg. Second Row: Uchenna Aduba, Keith Fleniken, Tyler Gallagher, and Daniel Surbeck. Third Row: David Bradley, Aaron Baxter, Luca Giardino, Phillip Oh, Cheick Sanankoua, and Louis West. Fourth Row: Bob Bass, Michael Enloe, Jesse Brown, Eric Huckabee, Zach Mellen, and Rodrigo Sevilla. Not pictured: Beau Brodtmann, John Chapoton, Branden Gossett, David May, Colin Wilson.

The graduating class of 2002 shows off their new SSC rings at the reception following the annual Ring Mass at Our Lady of the Gulf Church. The rings were blessed by SSC graduate, Father Dennis Carver, during the liturgical celebration.

Big Brothers welcome Little Brothers

The annual Big Brother / Little Brother ceremony was held at Our Lady of the Gulf Church on September 18, 2001.

The Big Brothers, the senior class of 2002, promised to help their Little Brothers, the sixth and seventh graders, adjust to their new school experience at St. Stanislaus.

Speaking on behalf of the Big Brothers, senior Ben Puckett addressed the responsibilities of the seniors, and sixth-grader Harrison Hodges responded in the name of the Little Brothers.

The ceremony began with a welcoming address by senior Matt Heyer, and Chris Patterson followed with a reading from scripture.

Brother Adrian introduced the Candle Ceremony which symbolized the passing of the Light to the new Rock-A-Chaws. SSC principal, Brother Ronald Hingle lit the light from the Pascal Candle, symbolizing the Light of Christ, and passed it on to Student Council president Brooks Brennan and vice president Chris Patterson.

Receiving the light in the name of the seniors were class representatives Brent Acker and Clayton Ferrara.

The Little Brothers were represented by Harrison Hodges, Matthew Kivlan and Roger Lacoste.

Following the candle ceremony, Mrs. Hollie McCollister, moderator of the event, presented each of the Big Brothers with their Little Brothers.

Campus Minister Mr. Edward Duhon led the assembly in the singing of "God Bless America."

The closing prayer was offered by Fisher Maddox, president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Ben Puckett

Harrison Hodges

Editorial

No easy solution to terrorism

The horrible and brutal terrorist attack on September 11th, 2001, will more than likely be remembered in the history books as a black day.

The terrorists struck brutally and with deadly accuracy on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The number of dead are predicted to be 5,000 or more.

With such a horrific attack, many people are crying out for the complete destruction of the middle east, or the bombing of civilian targets to teach them a lesson. I wish to differ.

Of course we should seek justice, but at what cost? With the bombing of civilian areas, the aftermath with our allies might be too great. If we act too quickly, then we risk loosing much of the international support we have right now. We should act more decisively, building a strike force that will bring swift justice and retribution to those who would harm the United States.

American soldiers will die, but if we wish to avenge the deaths of the estimated 5,000 dead in the world trade center, we must endure those casualties.

The reaction to this attack might include small commando units operating for long periods of time in enemy territory striking back with their own brand of terror at the terrorists.

If whole countries are to blame for this attack, then maybe the U.S. Military might have to stage a full-scale invasion.

Other ways can be found to freeze the terrorists' bank accounts to starve them of their resources.

With so many options, some violent, some non-violent, we must remember the human side also. We cannot be like the terrorists and kill innocents to get to the terrorists.

In the end, we must find a way to restore the peace and keep it without breaking our global support in the process.

by James Fulford

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What's your opinion?

Editor's note: The following comments do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the St. Stanislaus College administration nor of the Rock-A-Chaw editorial staff.

***The Rock-A-Chaw* staff asked a cross-section of the faculty and student-body what their reaction was to the destruction of the World Trade Center in New York on September 11, 2001 by terrorists. Following is a sampling of their comments.**

I think we should go to war.
Damien Holcomb

I think it's a monstrosity.
Spencer Ziegler

This is a sad day in the world.
Coach Keyes

Surprised, shocked. **Peter Doty**

I was very mad. We should defeat any nation that was responsible for this.
Josh Robinson

I was shocked and dismayed by the lack of human dignity shown to the people of New York by the people who attacked the World Trade Center. The solution should be as peaceful as possible, but I know that military action is imminent.
Mr. Duhon

I was shocked. **Michael Fritz**

We must take time to comprehend the fallacies of humanity and then take affirmative action.
Colin Wilson

The Rock-A-Chaw staff is committed to producing a quality newspaper of, by, and for the students of St. Stanislaus. To this end we welcome your comments about the content and the makeup of *your* newspaper.

Suggestions about stories you would like to have covered may be made to any member of the staff. In addition, we also welcome your opinions in the form of "Letters to the Editor." These can range from school issues to world affairs. Submitted letters and comments must be typed and signed.

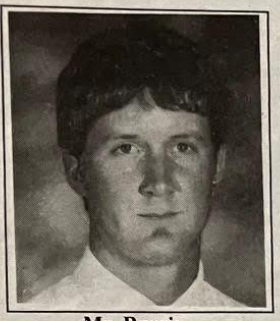
We will also consider for publication articles dealing with student life and activities at SSC submitted by members of the faculty and student body. These articles must also be typed and signed.

Features

New teachers bring talent and enthusiasm

by Christopher Currie

As you may know, there are several new teachers on campus. I have had the pleasure to get to know a little more about two of my teachers this year: Mr. Matthew Burris and Ms. Mary Kippes.



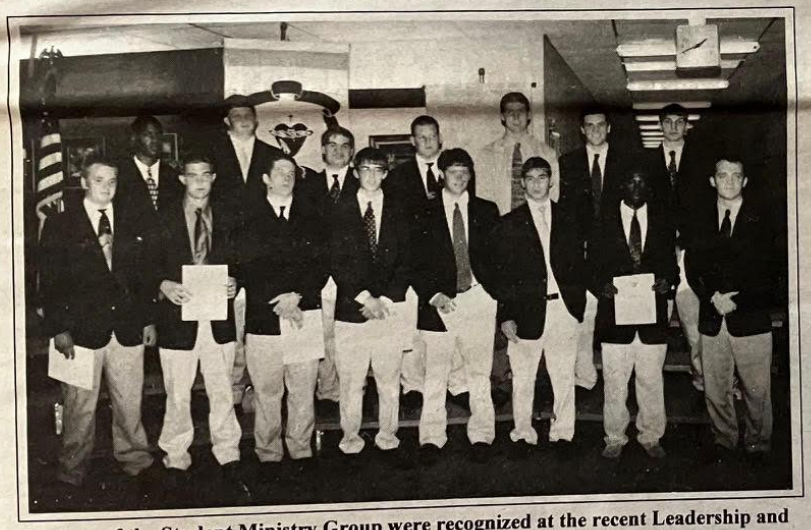
Mr. Burris

Ms. Kippes

Mr. Burris is a graduate of USM with a major in English. He teaches Spanish I, Journalism, and even coaches. In his free time Mr. Burris likes to ride his motorcycle and "beat up punks." He also enjoys listening to rock and roll. When I asked Mr. Burris what he liked so far about St. Stanislaus College, he replied, "I like all the girls."

On the other hand, Ms. Mary Kippes, graduate of William Carey College, is running our Art Department teaching Art I and Advanced Art. Before coming to SSC she taught at St. Thomas Elementary School in the Long Beach school district. When she is not teaching, Ms. Kippes enjoys swimming, walking, making pottery and spending time with people. Her favorite work of art is the "Madonna and Child."

Both teachers seem very qualified for their jobs and we are glad to have them as part of the SSC Family.



Members of the Student Ministry Group were recognized at the recent Leadership and Honors Convocation, from left to right, Scott Hillanbrand, Brian Butler, Jeremy Keller, Matt Heyer, B.J. Ledet, Brian Landry, Allen Leone, Frederick Mallini, Ben Puckett, Zach Mellen, Trey Treutel, Nathan Sison, Gabe Willis, Logan Walker, and Advisor Mr. Edward Duhon.

Student Ministers answer the call

The student ministry group is an organization on the St. Stanislaus Campus that promotes, through heir actions, a way of living that was established by Jesus. The student ministers have a great duty to their peers to live a life realized by Jesus Christ. These men of character are committed to promote the Gospel values. They are excited to share Jesus to others through their actions and pray for every member of the St. Stanislaus family.

Student Ministers are responsible for several spiritual activities throughout the academic year. Besides participating in activities that promote their own spiritual maturity, student ministers organize monthly masses, prayer groups, and weekly prayer services for the evangelization of the entire St. Stanislaus family.

Club News

Literary Magazine

The literary magazine is responsible for collecting, polishing, and publishing a magazine of the best stories, papers, essays, photos, drawings, and sketches from the school year.

The literary magazine will also attempt to take young, inexperienced writers and teach them how to polish their writing styles.

Students who are interested in writing, art, or who would like to see their work published can contribute work to Mrs. Holmes, or can join the literary magazine by attending the meetings on Monday afternoons. There will be one issue per year put out, so that the Literary Magazine staff along with Mrs. Holmes can choose and polish any materials contributed.

There will be a "Name The Magazine Contest" in the near future to determine what the Magazine will be called Please contribute only titles that relate in some way to literature.

Youth Legislature

Youth Legislature is a club in which students draft their own bills for a mock presentation of them in Jackson. Youth Legislature is currently moderated by Mr. Paul Verlander. Although the registration for the first trip to Jackson for presentation of the bills is past the deadline, freshmen may still attend the subsequent trip in the spring of 2002. For more information on Youth Legislature, speak with Mr. Verlander.

Key Club

The Key Club is a national organization of service. Key Club is for people who wish to serve their communities, but to have fun while doing so. Currently, the club meets every Monday night at 7:00 PM in room 226. Further information may be found on the activities bulletin board or by talking to the Key Club's moderators, Mrs. Cynthia Clark and Mr. Brock Rock. If you wish to join, simply attend the next meeting.

Science Club

The Science Club is an extracurricular organization for students who enjoy the material of their science classes. Currently moderated by Mr. Fred Cherota, the Science Club delves into experiments and projects outside of the classroom limitations.

Currently, information on the science club and its meetings may be found through the bulletin board. Anyone in junior high who is interested in the material brought forth in his science classes may be interested in joining; for information, talk to Mr. Cherota.

Student Council

The Student Council is the school organization that acts as a bridge between the student body and the administration, in things such as planning activities and on-goings of the school year.

The Student Council is currently co-moderated by Mrs. Pat Cousins and Mr. Matt McKiernan. Although officers for this year have already been elected, students will soon vote for their class representatives.

For more information about student council, talk to Mrs. Cousins or Mr. McKiernan.

Sports Card Club

The Sports Card club is a group of students who drop by room 227 to see Mr. Thriffley to look at and trade sports cards, and also to share interests, ideas, and heroes with their peers.

Anyone who is interested in sports cards can drop by Mr. Thriffley's classroom (227) any afternoon and speak with Mr. Thriffley.

Sports

Rocks tame Ocean Springs' Greyhounds, 34-19

by Logan Walker

The SSC football Rocks ended their three-game losing streak last Friday night with a decisive win over the Ocean Springs Greyhounds, 34-19.

Ocean Springs took an early lead in the first quarter with a touchdown and extra point, but the Rocks' Dustin Coogan answered with a 28-yard play, and Michael Kivlan's PAT tied the score 7-all.

Travis Morris scored in the third quarter, and Logan Walker connected on a 30-yard pass by Timmy Kulikowski to up the score to 21-7.

And late in the game, Jeremy Lewis hurled a 26-yard pass to Walker. Ashton Wright added an interception for a 40-yard score.

The SSC Rock-A-Chaws opened their season on the road against a powerful 2-A St. John team. The St. John Eagles came off of a 9-2 season. A pre-season Sun Herald poll listed the Eagles as "one of the teams to watch" during the 2001 season.

After losing eleven senior starters from the previous year, the Rocks will have to rely on a young team.

St. John jumped out to a 14-0 lead at half-time. They opened the second half powerfully controlling the game and running on all cylinders.

Lee Klein was named defensive player of the week with fourteen tackles in the game at middle linebacker.

Although it was a hard-fought battle on both sides, in the end, more effort was put forth by St. John with the 37-0 win.

SSC opened at home hosting county rivals, the Hancock Hawks. This is the Hawks' first season as a 5-A school. Both teams came into the game 0-1, and both were looking for a win.

Hancock moved to a 3-0 lead in the first quarter and then added to their lead with two touchdowns before the half. When the clock ran out, Hancock prevailed with a 34-0 victory.

With their chins still held high, the Rocks hosted the Long Beach Bearcats.

Frederick Mallini (60) breaks through for the tackle in the game against Long Beach at the SSC Brother Philip Memorial Stadium.

The Bearcats, another 5-A team, were also hungry for their first win. Long Beach thrived on their talented quarterback, Eddie Burger. The Bearcats' kicker put one through the uprights giving them a 3-0 lead in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Burger launched a touchdown pass to up the score to 10-0.

Tonight, the Rocks travel to Bay High to take on the Tigers at 7:30.

Rock swimmers undefeated

by Zach Mellen

The SSC Rocks' swim team is off to a good start this year with two victories--one over Gulfport and the other over Harrison Central.

The average margin of victory for the two meets was 65 points.

When asked how he thought the team was going to do this year, Brother Charles responded, "I think we're going to do pretty well in the dual meets." The Rocks, although very young, are seemingly doing well with school records broken and re-broken by only the second meet.

Although eight swimmers have already qualified for the state meet, Brother remarked that he was not quite sure how they would do once they got there.

Ty Breaux has had victories in both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle.

Ramsey Shawa has had consecutive victories in the 100-yard backstroke. Also Cole Larsen, an eighth grader, set a new school record in the 100-yard butterfly as well as winning the 100-yard breaststroke.

Other victories in the meets have been brought in by Andrew Battle, T. J. Koger, Preston Ellis, the relay team of Battle, Hall, Breaux, and Gray Hammer, and the relay team of Battle, Ellis, Breaux, and Larsen.

The Rocks' dual meet against Hancock was scheduled for Wednesday, September 19.

Cole Larsen

The Rock-A-Chaws
Face cross-town rival
Bay High Tigers
Tonight at 7:30.
Come out and support
The Rocks!

Cross County off to a good start

by Aaron Baxter

The Cross Country Rocks recently began their season with high hopes for a state championship.

Coach Steve Flannery has said that he has complete and total confidence that his team could do incredibly well this year.

The team has a few returning varsity members as well as few new runners who could bring success.

The Rocks recently held a time trial to show how members of the team fit in. The times posted for the varsity were very strong and could be the team's ticket to possible victory at the state meet.

The Rock-a Chaws got their first chance to show off their abilities on September 8, as they traveled to Oak Grove to run with some of the coast's other cross-country teams.

Top times run by the varsity team were held by sophomore, Kyle Lewis (2nd) and freshman, Kody Cannon (7th).

The JV team had five runners who finished in the top fifteen spots, two of whom finished in the top ten.

The junior high team finished fifth out of eight teams, with their top runner being seventh grader Jimmy Heddly, who ran the two-mile course in a time of 14:09.

Some upcoming races for the Stanislaus cross- country team will be held in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Gautier, with the varsity season concluding in Clinton.